

COVID-19 Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting in Idaho

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Authorized and Recommended Vaccines

As COVID-19 vaccines are authorized and then recommended for use in the United States, it will be important to understand what is known about each vaccine. CDC will provide information on who is and is not recommended to receive each vaccine and what to expect after vaccination, as well as ingredients, safety, and effectiveness.

Currently, two vaccines are authorized and recommended to prevent COVID-19:

- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- [Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine](#)

Vaccines in Phase 3 Clinical Trials

As of December 28, 2020, large-scale (Phase 3) clinical trials are in progress or being planned for three COVID-19 vaccines in the United States:

- AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine
- Janssen's COVID-19 vaccine
- Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine



| | Monitoring systems | Population | Healthcare workers | LTCF residents |
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| early | VAERS (CDC & FDA) VA ADERS DoD VA ECS CDC NHSN | General U.S. population, VA and DoD patient populations, NHSN acute care and long-term care facilities | Yes | Yes |
| | V-safe (CDC) | All COVID-19 vaccine recipients eligible | Yes | Limited |
| later | VSD (CDC) | Insured patients in VSD sites | Yes | Limited |
| | FDA-CMS | Medicare recipients (90+% of 65 y/o in the U.S., including 650K LTCF residents) | Limited | Yes |
| | BEST & PRISM (FDA) | Insured patients in BEST & PRISM sites | Yes | Limited |
| | VA EHR & data warehouse | Enrolled VA patients | Limited | Yes |
| | DoD DMSS | Active duty military (limited info on beneficiaries [i.e., family members, retirees]) | Yes | Limited |
| | Genesis HealthCare (Brown U. & NIH-NIA) | Long-term care facility residents (~35,000 long stay residents) | No | Yes |



VAERS

- CDC/FDA
- Healthcare providers required to report adverse events, including administration errors
- Vaccine recipients can also report directly into VAERS



V-safe

- Smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys
- Vaccine recipients voluntarily participate to report any side effects; over a million people have signed up so far
- CDC may call recipient if adverse events are reported via v-safe





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Allergic Reactions Including Anaphylaxis After Receipt of the First Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 14–23, 2020

CDC COVID-19 Response Team; Food and Drug Administration

As of January 3, 2021, a total of 20,346,372 cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and 349,246 associated deaths have been reported in the United States. Long-term sequelae of COVID-19 over the course of a lifetime currently are unknown; however, persistent symptoms and serious complications are being reported among COVID-19 survivors, including persons who initially experience a mild acute illness.* On December 11, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to prevent COVID-19, administered as 2 doses separated by 21 days. On December 12, 2020, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issued an interim recommendation for use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (1); initial doses were recommended for health care personnel and long-term care

were determined not to be anaphylaxis, 86 were nonanaphylaxis allergic reactions, and 61 were nonallergic adverse events. Seven case reports were investigated. This report summarizes the clinical and epidemiologic characteristics of case reports of allergic reactions including anaphylaxis and nonanaphylaxis allergic reactions after receipt of the first dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine during December 14–23, 2020, in the United States (4) and interim considerations for preparing for the potential management of anaphylaxis (5). In addition to screening for contraindications and precautions before administering COVID-19 vaccines, vaccine locations should ensure the necessary supplies available to manage anaphylaxis.

The screenshot shows the CDC website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu for 'Vaccines & Immunizations'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'CDC > COVID-19 Vaccination > Clinical Considerations'. A sidebar on the left lists various topics related to COVID-19 vaccination, with 'Clinical Considerations' and 'mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines' highlighted. The main article title is 'Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States'. Below the title, there is a yellow warning banner with an exclamation mark icon and the text: 'Interim Considerations: Preparing for the Potential Management of Anaphylaxis at COVID-19 Vaccination Sites'. The article content includes a 'Summary of recent changes (last updated January 6, 2021):' followed by a bulleted list of updates: 'Clarification on the 4-day grace period for administration of the second dose of vaccine', 'Updated recommendations regarding vaccine coadministration', 'Clarification on passive antibody therapy and vaccine administration', and 'Updated information on management of anaphylaxis'. On the right side, there is a 'On This Page' section with links to 'Background', 'Authorized age groups', 'Administration', and 'Interchangeability with other COVID-19 vaccine products'.

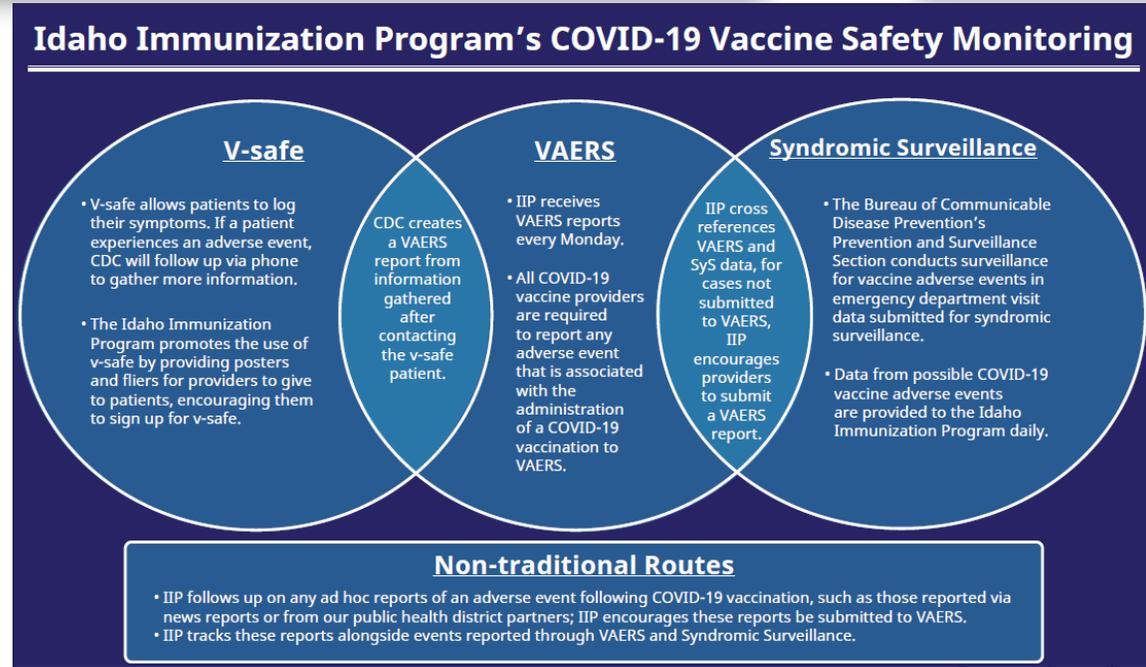


Staff members are coordinating to ensure follow-up of reports from:

- V-Safe → VAERS
- VAERS
- Idaho’s syndromic surveillance system
- Direct reporting to Idaho public health by providers

10 VAERS reports have been received for Idaho to date

- CDC physicians screen all VAERS reports describing suspected severe allergic reactions and anaphylaxis
- Idaho staff tracking all incoming reports
- Press release issued 12/22 with recommendation to defer vaccination for now if previous severe reactions to injectable medication or vaccine, until more is known
- Ongoing effort and monitoring



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The Idaho Division of Public Health has received reports of two healthcare workers experiencing severe allergic reactions, also referred to as serious adverse events, after they received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The events happened in northern Idaho and the Treasure Valley.

Investigation of both incidents is ongoing, but one person has recovered fully, and one is hospitalized in stable condition but expected to be discharged today.

Both people had a known history of severe reactions after receiving an injectable medication.